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1. Icelandic action on North Atlantic Pact--US Minister Butrick in Reykjavik has been told by Iceland's Foreign Minister that the Government is sure of the support of at least 36 of the 52 votes in the Althing for the North Atlantic Pact and that debate will probably begin 28 March. The Foreign Minister added that he anticipates two days of discussion prior to the vote and that there is real apprehension the Communists may attempt to prevent Althing action by force.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that although Communists in Iceland are capable of creating serious disturbances, they are unlikely to avert favorable action on the Pact by the Althing.)

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